

From: [Edlund, Carl](#)
To: [Restivo, Angela](#)
Subject: Fwd: Superfund
Date: Saturday, September 2, 2017 4:23:04 PM

Ah ha!

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Edlund, Carl" <Edlund.Carl@epa.gov>
Date: September 2, 2017 at 4:09:28 PM CDT
To: "Coleman, Sam" <Coleman.Sam@epa.gov>
Cc: "Meyer, John" <Meyer.John@epa.gov>, "Gray, David" <gray.david@epa.gov>, "Crossland, Ronnie" <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>, "Peterson, Mary" <Peterson.Mary@epa.gov>, "Carroll, Craig" <Carroll.Craig@epa.gov>, "Phillips, Pam" <phillips.pam@epa.gov>
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Thanks. I got a call from Beth Seaton on status of SF sites. They are struggling with how to communicate progress at state sites. After we launch the revised table, I offered to share it with them. She was interested in using functionally similar tables ..,I mentioned that we were using TCEQ's DW maps to ensure consistency. She liked that idea.

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On Sep 2, 2017, at 3:21 PM, Coleman, Sam <Coleman.Sam@epa.gov> wrote:

Really correct numbers

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From: Coleman, Sam
Sent: Saturday, September 02, 2017 3:06 PM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
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Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy
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Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Breen, Barry
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Corrected Chart

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We are checking one final number so please
give me 5 min.

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NICE!!

conveyed to the WH. Let's blast this out.

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On Sep 2, 2017, at 3:51 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Start with this

EPA has conducted initial assessments at thirty-three Superfund sites in the impacted areas using aerial images as well as direct contact with companies who are responsible for on-going cleanup activities. EPA has determined that twenty-eight Superfund sites in the area do not show damage or excessing flooding associated with the storm. EPA determined that seven sites have been flooded and/or possible damaged by the storm. Of these sites, two have been inspected and determined not to require

emergency cleanup although additional sampling in the area will be conducted. Five sites including San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site have not been accessible by response personnel. However – teams are in place to investigate possible damage to these sites when flood waters recede further. San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site has a temporary armored cap designed to prevent migration of hazardous material and the cap will be inspected as soon as it is safe for teams to do so. Based on forecasted river conditions, this inspection by boat is planned for Monday. EPA has dive teams to survey the cap underwater when conditions allow.

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I need this translated. It is not clear on this what information is being conveyed.

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On Sep 2, 2017, at 3:32 PM, Gray, David
<gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Here is the status of work at each Superfund site within the impacted area. We are working on a summary statement.

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However superfund is the priority. The WH is asking for it now. I'm sure they are responding

to questions.

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On Sep 2, 2017, at 3:09 PM, Gray, David
<gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Got it

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On Sep 2, 2017, at 3:02 PM,
Bowman, Liz
<Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Below is the
exchange that
spurred the AP
story today saying
that “no EPA
personnel were on
scene” at these
Superfunds. Now,
this reporter is
manufacturing this
in way that doesn’t
do justice to the
hard-working folks
on the ground who
have been working
around the clock ...
but we need to get
ahead of this and
the next story,
which will likely be
about how we are
testing water
quality for drinking
and waste water

systems. Can you guys get your teams to pull together a list of each superfund site in the area (30-33?) and the status report for each site? We just need a bullet or a sentence for each site.

Separately, we need to get some information about exactly what we are doing, when and how, with regard to water testing in Houston. I am copying the Water folks here, so they can also assist with this information.

I am working on a draft statement now using the most recent EOC report;
but, please send us additional details on specific Superfund sites and water testing details as soon as possible – with the next few hours, so we can work that into our statement.

I am going to
connect with TCEQ
so they know that
we are working on
this statement also.

Thank you for your
help and
assistance,
especially on a
Holiday weekend --
Liz

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2:51 PM
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Amy"
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Date:
September
1, 2017
at
1:53:27
PM EDT

To:
"Biesecker,

Michael"
<MBiesecker@ap.org>,
"StClair,
Christie"
<StClair.Christie@epa.gov>

Cc:

Press
<Press@epa.gov>,
"Gray,
David"
<gray.david@epa.gov>

Subject:

RE:

Superfund

That's
correct.
We will
begin
to
assess
other
sites
after
flood
waters
recede
in
those
areas.

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Biesecker,
Michael
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1:09

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RE:

Superfund

When
does
EPA
expect
it will
be able
to visit
and
assess
flooded
sites in
Houston
and
Port
Arthur?
After
the
floodwaters
waters
recede?

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2017
1:04 PM

To:

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StClair,
Christie

Cc:

Press;
Gray,
David

Subject:

RE:
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Michael

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Unified
Command
personnel
inspected
two
Superfund
sites in
the
Corpus
Christi
area
yesterday.
Both
the
Falcon
Refinery
Site
and the
Brine
Service
Site
show
no
significant
damage.
No
emergency

clean
up
response
for
storm
damage
is
needed
at the
two
sites.

From:

Biesecker,
Michael
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Sent:

Friday,
September
1, 2017
12:14
PM

To:

StClair,
Christie
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Graham,
Amy
<graham.amy@epa.gov>

Cc:

Press
<Press@epa.gov>

Subject:

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Christie,
Amy,

Following
up
from
earlier

in the
week,
AP is
still
seeking
details
on
what
EPA is
doing
regarding
flooded
Superfund
sites.
EPA's
press
release
on
Wednesday
said
EPA is
"assesses
conditions
at the
NPL
Superfund
sites in
the
storm's
impact
area"
and
was
"began
rapid
assessments
at two
sites
that are
accessible
after
floodwaters
have
receded
and this

work
will
continue.”

Which
sites
were
those?
What
did EPA
find?
Did EPA
take
samples
to
determine
whether
contaminates
leached
out into
floodwaters?
Were
more
sites
visited
and
assessed
on
Thursday?
How
many
people
has EPA
assigned
to this
work?

I will
add
that AP
has
visited
three
Houston-
area

superfund
sites
yesterday.
All
were
still
heavily
flooded
and we
saw no
state or
federal
personnel
there
(or
anyone
else).
We are
visiting
and
documenting
more
sites
today.

Michael

<image001.jpg> <image001.jpg>

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Have a
tip for
the
Associated
Press?

We
have a
secure
way to
send it
to us,
anonymously.
Follow
this link
for
instructions:
www.ap.org/tips

AP is
the
essential
global
news
network,
delivering
fast,
unbiased
news
from
every
corner
of the
world
to all
media
platforms
and
formats.
Founded
in
1846,
AP
today is
the
largest
and
most
trusted
source
of

independent
news
and
information.
On any
given
day,
more
than
half the
world's
population
sees
news
from
AP.

“There
are
only
two
forces
that
can
carry
light to
all
corners
of the
globe –
the sun
in the
heavens
and
The
Associated
Press
down
here.”
– Mark
Twain,
1906

“I go
with

Custer
and will
be at
the
death."
– AP
reporter
Mark
Kellogg's
final
dispatch
from
the
Battle
of the
Little
Bighorn,
1876

The
information
contained
in this
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for the
use of
the
designated
recipients
named
above.
If the
reader
of this
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you are
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of this
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strictly
prohibited.
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have
received
this
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at +1-
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you.

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inspection sheet 9-2-17.xlsx>

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